GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT POLICY FOR CARS AND PRINTING MACHINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of import policy, procedures and customs duty for import of new/used cars and printing machines;

(b) whether the Government have evaluated the impact of increase in import of new/used cars and printing machines on the domestic sector of these items;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce the dependence on imports of these items?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 587 F(ANSWER ON 2.5.2003 REGARDING IMPORT POLICY FOR CARS AND PRINTING MACHINES

(a) to (d) : The present Exim Policy provides for free import of new/used cars and printing machinery. However, the import of car is subject to conditions regarding consumer protection, road safety and specified emission norms. New/used cars are allowed for import only through specified ports. Import of second hand printing machines, older than 10 years are permitted against a licence issued in this regard. The applicable rates of duty are 105% for used cars, 60% for new cars & 25% for printing machinery.

Even after removal of Quantitative Restrictions,the imports are subject to applicable tariffs, technical standards, environment and safety norms. The imports are monitored closely to ensure through appropriate use of the above mechanisms that the domestic industry does not suffer in competition.